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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 18-38 as follows:

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18. An apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising a stage for holding a substrate having a semiconductor film thereon,

wherein said semiconductor film is crystallized by irradiating with the laser beam.

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19. An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said slit comprises at least one of the group consisting of glass, quartz, ceramic, and metal.

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20. An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said optical system for overlapping divided laser beams is a convex lens.